
NO. 481
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
December 14, 2006
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Yvonne Burke, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Yvonne B. Burke, President, Los Angeles County	
Hon. Gary Ovitt, 1st Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, Immediate Past President	District 45
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Members Not Present

Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, 2 nd Vice President	District 13
Hon. Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Andy Masiel, TASIN	

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joanne Africa, Deputy Counsel
Lisa Taylor, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Lou Bone, City of Tustin.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments were presented by Zuma Dog, TV 35, on truck issues as they relate to the 710 freeway.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 3.1.2, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6 were pulled. MOTION was made (Millhouse) to approve the remaining consent calendar items. Motion was SECONDED (Eaton) and UNANIMOUSLY approved.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of November 2, 2006 Meeting

3.1.3 Contract Amendments over \$75,000

3.1.4 2007 National Alternative Fuel and Vehicles Conference and Expo

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report for August/ September 2006

Items pulled for discussion

3.1.2 Contracts over \$250,000

Councilmember Paula Lantz expressed concerns as to why contracts were not up for re-bid when the amount has significantly increased. She stated that a re-bidding process would provide a competitive arena for women and minority owned businesses.

Wayne Moore, CFO, stated that the California Multiple Awards Schedule is the process that SCAG currently follows regarding contract procedures.

Mr. Moore stated that there was a need to continue and maintain a schedule of work products, therefore additional temporary staffing was needed for purposes of making deadlines until permanent staff was hired.

The motion was made(Young) to approve the contracts. Motion was SECONDED (Bone) and OPPOSED (Lantz). Motion passed.

3.1.5 Extension of Contracts for State & Federal Lobbyist until June 30, 2007

Councilmember Roberts stated that he understood the need for an extension of the Lobbyist contracts. However he recommended that the next procurement process be handled better and recommended that it be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Motion was made (Roberts) extending contracts for State and Federal Lobbyist until June 30, 2007. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.6 Public Participation Plan

There was no discussion. The item was pulled until further notice.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Appointments

The following appointments were made:

Regional Council Members to Administration and Policy Committees

To Administration: Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland

To CEHD: Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura

To TCC: Hon. Andy Masiel, Sr., Pechanga Tribal Council

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

From WRCOG to TCC: Hon. John Chlebnik, Calimesa

From OCCOG to CEHD: Hon. Jim Palmer, Tustin

Hon. Peter Herzog, Lake Forest

Maglev Task Force

Hon. Patrick Morris, San Bernardino

Water Policy Task Force

Steven Cain, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dee Zinke, Alternate for Donald Kendall, Calleguas Municipal Water District

4.2 Policy Regarding Staff Communications

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, stated that the Executive Committee requested that a policy be drafted and utilized as a process to deal with the issue of staff members contacting RC and policy committee members with complaints and/or concerns. The draft policy was distributed and presented to the Regional Council. Mr. Lennard reported that the Executive Committee recommended approval of the policy with one change in the last paragraph of the document.

Councilmember Debbie Cook expressed concerns and wanted to know how complaints would be handled and whether or not the complaints could be filed anonymously. Mr. Lennard stated that complaints could be filed anonymously without violating the policy .

Motion was made (Young) to approve the policy. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

5.1 Report from the Executive Director

Mark Pisano reported that the month of November/December was very productive. Several projects were completed such as model development. The new model will be utilized for submittals to the Air Quality District. He stated that over the last decade representatives within the region have been working to advance the concept of state agencies utilizing regional plans to distribute states resources. That concept is taking hold and the Blueprint Planning effort is an example of this.

Mr. Pisano also reported that the only funding increase in the Governor's budget last year was resources that would be disbursed to the regional agencies to complete blueprint planning. He noted that SCAG's blueprint funding was used to refine the Compass Program and help members with starting the implementation of the Compass Program.

5.2 Executive Director's Performance Agreement July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006

Motion was made (Young) to approve the Executive Director's Performance Agreement. Motion was SECONDED (Nowatka) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 2007 State and Federal Legislative Program

Don Rhodes reported that prior to the return to session of Congress and the State Legislature the Regional Council adopts a state and federal program to direct SCAG's legislative activities. The policy committees reviewed the portions of the program pertaining to their areas of interest at their November meetings.

After approval of the final program it will be prepared in its final form and distributed to members and staff of the Congress, the State Legislature, federal and state agencies, and interested parties.

Motion was made (Young) to approve the 2007 State and Federal Legislative Program. Motion was SECONDED (Ten) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.1 **Administration Committee Report**

6.1.1 **Final Version of Delegation Agreement**

Councilmember Toni Young, Chair, stated the Administration Committee recommended approving the final version of the Draft Delegation Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to sign the Agreement on behalf of SCAG.

Motion was made (Young) to approve the final Version of Draft Delegation Agreements. Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.1.2 **RHNA Budget**

Councilmember Young, Chair, reported that the Administration Committee recommended approving the increase of the RHNA budget by \$200,000 to continuing funding of the RHNA program.

Motion was made (Young) to approve the RHNA Budget. Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2.3 **Merit Pay Program – Extend Pilot Status through July 2007**

Councilmember Young, chair, reported that the Administration Committee recommended approving the extension of the Merit Pay Program through July 2007.

Motion was made (Young) to approve the Merit Pay Program and Extend Pilot Status through July 2007. Motion was SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

There was no report.

6.3 Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report

6.3.1 RHNA Pilot Program Legislative Language

Councilmember Jon Edney stated that the CEHD Committee recommended approval of the RHNA Pilot Program language and directed staff to continue efforts to move the bill through the legislative process.

Motion was made (Edney) approving the RHNA Pilot Program Legislative Language. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Councilmmember Edney stated that the Draft Appeals Procedure will be presented at the next Regional Council meeting. He also stated that the CEHD Committee approved the Initial Performance Outcomes and Strategies for Land Use and Housing Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

6.4 Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report

There was no report.

6.5 Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report

6.5.1 2007 General Assembly (GA) and Regional Council Retreat

Councilmember Becerra, Chair, stated that several attempts were made to combine the 2007 General Assembly and Retreat. He stated that it is not feasible at this time to combine the two. Therefore staff was directed to proceed with securing the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel to hold the 2007 General assembly scheduled for May 3, 2007. In addition staff was also directed to move forward with securing the Lake Arrowhead Conference Center for the annual two-day retreat to be held in the month of June.

Councilmember Becerra reported that the Communications and Membership Task Force has been involved in a long process of developing a leadership training program. He announced that USC was the successful candidate for the program.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Highlights of the Upcoming 2006 State of the Region

Ping Chang, Program Manager, presented highlights of the upcoming 2006 State of the Region. The State of the Region, reports annually on a series of indicators about our region's performance. A primary objective is to assist members of the Regional Council assess how the region is performing in meeting the goals in the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide. Information on the region's performance has also been widely disseminated to assist public officials, business and community leaders in developing appropriate strategies to improve our communities.

7.2 Infrastructure Bonds: Implementation and Impacts

The issues related to the implementation and possible impacts of the infrastructure bonds passed by the voters in the November election were presented. Each Policy Committee received a report regarding the State Bonds in their respective areas.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

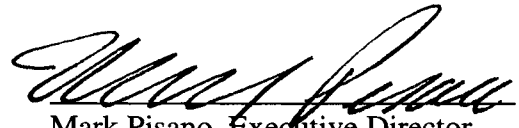
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9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Regional Council adjourned in memory of Andy Malakates. The next meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for January 4, 2007 at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles.



Mark Pisano, Executive Director